

## Message Text

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O P 210215Z FEB 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4115  
INFO SARCOORD USCG SAN JUAN PRIORITY  
CG AIR STATION MIAMI PRIORITY

UNCLAS PORT AU PRINCE 0625

SAN JUAN FOR CG AIR STATION BORINQUEN

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES, CGEN, OCLR, HA  
SUBJECT: CRASH OF CESSNA 401 N-3211Q

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 0624 (O 201645Z FEB 77)

1. COAST GUARD HELICOPTER, CREW, AND CONSULS RETURNED TO PORT-AU-PRINCE AT 1600 WITH 8 BODIES, RECOVERABLE PERSONAL EFFECTS AND SOME AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTATION OF N-3211Q. COMPANY OFFICIALS HAD ARRANGED TO HAVE BODIES STORED OVERNIGHT IN LOCAL MORTUARY, ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO FLY THEM TO MIAMI TOMORROW, AND ARE OBTAINING CLEARANCES FROM VERY COOPERATIVE GOH.

2. CONSULS ABLE TO MAKE TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION OF SOME OF THE DECEASED THROUGH RECOVERY OF WALLETS, A PASSPORT AND OTHER IDENTIFICATION. DEFINITIVE IDENTIFICATION MUST AWAIT ARRIVAL OF REMAINS IN MIAMI FOR FINGERPRINT ANALYSIS. REMAINS DISFIGURED, DISMEMBERED AND CONSIDERABLY DECOMPOSED.

3. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED AS CESSNA 401 OWNED BY AIR INTERNATIONAL OF FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO AIRLINE OFFICIALS. AIRLINE AND EMPLOYERS OF DECEASED  
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4. AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT ABOUT 1500 FEET OF ALTITUDE ON A STEEP MOUNTAIN A FEW MILES SOUTH OF JEAN RABEL IN MID AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 18. ACCORDING TO WITNESSES ACCIDENT OCCURED DURING SEVERE STORM WITH LOW CEILING. AIRCRAFT HIT A MANGO TREE WITH ITS RIGHT WING, CRASHED AND DISINTEGRATED. SOME INSTRUMENTS

AND AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION RECOVERED AND TO BE TURNED OVER TO  
FAA SAN JUAN TOMORROW BY CG CREW.

5. CG CREW RETURNING SAN JUAN FEBRUARY 21. FINE WORK GREATLY  
APPRECIATED BY ALL.  
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